

# Word List

**Supplement -3**

# Most misspelled words

observe them; learn the spelling of 5 words per day. Take weekly test with somebody dictating the words. Repeat tests for the same set of words every fortnight.

1. Abridgment
2. Accentuation
3. Acquaintance
4. Admissible
5. Adolescent
6. Aesthetic
7. Amateur
8. Annihilate
9. Appall
10. Arduous
11. Ascetic
12. Assimilate
13. Atheist
14. Attunement
15. Balminess
16. Bawdiness
17. Beauteous
18. Beguile
19. Belittling
20. Belligerence
21. Beneficent
22. Boulevard
23. Bumptious
24. Buoyant
25. Caffeine
26. Camaraderie
27. Canoeing
28. Capricious

29. Carousing
30. Casserole
31. Celibacy
32. Cessation
33. Chauffeur
34. Chivalry
35. Clairvoyance
36. Clemency
37. Colossal
38. Commiserate
39. Concession
40. Conniving
41. Conscientious
42. Conspicuous
43. Contemptuous
44. Countenance
45. Crescendo
46. Delinquency
47. Despondency
48. Diabolic
49. Dilapidated
50. Diminutive
51. Discernible
52. Dishevelment
53. Disparaging
54. Dolorous
55. Duteous
56. Ecstasy

57. Emaciate  
58. Embarrassment  
59. Ensconce  
60. Erroneous  
61. Etiquette  
62. Eulogy  
63. Excruciating  
64. Extenuate  
65. Fallacy  
66. Fastidious  
67. Fictitious  
68. Flamboyant  
69. Fluorescent  
70. Forfeit  
71. Frivolous  
72. Garrulous  
73. Glamour  
74. Guileless  
75. Guillotine  
76. Hallucination  
77. Harangue  
78. Heinous  
79. Hemorrhage  
80. Heuristic  
81. Holocaust  
82. Hyphenation  
83. Idiosyncrasy  
84. Impinging  
85. Inebriation  
86. Ingratiate  
87. Inscrutable  
88. Insouciance  
89. Insuperable  
90. Irreproachable  
91. Jauntily  
92. Jeopardy  
93. Jettison

94. Jocundity  
95. Languorous  
96. Laryngitis  
97. Lascivious  
98. Lugubrious  
99. Macabre  
100. Maneuver  
101. Masquerade  
102. Mausoleum  
103. Melancholy  
104. Milieu  
105. Minuscule  
106. Misanthrope  
107. Mollification  
108. Monstrosity  
109. Mortifying  
110. Mucilage  
111. Munificent  
112. Naïve  
113. Narcissus  
114. Nefarious  
115. Niggardly  
116. Obsequious  
117. Obsolescent  
118. Ostentatious  
119. Parsimonious  
120. Pasteurize  
121. Patriarch  
122. Peremptorily  
123. Perfidious  
124. Perfunctory  
125. Phlegmatic  
126. Piquancy  
127. Pirouette

128. Plagiary  
129. Plebian  
130. Pontifical  
131. Preposterous  
132. Prophecy  
133. Puerile  
134. Punctilious  
135. Querulous  
136. Quiescent  
137. Quintessence  
138. Quixotic  
139. Raconteur  
140. Rejuvenate  
141. Renaissance  
142. Repudiating  
143. Rescind  
144. Resuscitate  
145. Rhapsodies  
146. Risqué

147. Rollicking  
148. Salacious  
149. Sanitarium  
150. Scintillating  
151. Scrupulous  
152. Sentience  
153. Silhouette  
154. Spurious  
155. Supersede  
156. Tabooed  
157. Titillate  
158. Tranquility  
159. Tumultuous  
160. Vacillate  
161. Vengeance  
162. Vociferous  
163. Witticism  
164. Wretchedness

# Word List

**Supplement -4**

# Idioms

Idioms: Idioms are the flesh and blood of a language; the more idioms u know (understand and use in speech and writing), the better your language competence.

1. To go with a bang - to find something exciting
2. Picture perfect - beauty in its purest form
3. Not to take things lying down - to stand up for oneself
4. As busy as a bee - to be occupied
5. To make heads turn - to be attractive
6. Catch one's eye - to find something attractive or exciting
7. In seventh heaven - expressing elation
8. Burn the midnight oil - to work through the night
9. Fly off at a tangent - to digress from the subject
10. Wet behind the ears - inexperienced and naïve
11. Gift of the gab - to speak eloquently
12. Get one's wires crossed - confused or mistaken about something
14. Be in the red - in financial crunch; bankruptcy
15. To toe the line - to go with the flow
16. Put the best foot forward - to make a great effort
17. With a pinch of salt - take into account with suspicion

18. Giving his imagination free reign- to let one's imagination run wild
19. To want to curl up and die - to be embarrassed about something
20. Till the cows come home - for a very long time
21. Throw him another gauntlet - invite a person for a fight
22. By the skin of one's teeth - just in time, barely succeed in doing something
23. To lose one's cool - to get perturbed
24. Breath of fresh air - to find something new or interesting
25. To get the better of somebody - to outwit someone
26. At the drop of a hat - subject to quick reaction
27. At sixes and sevens - to be at loggerheads
28. Apple of the eye - any cherished object
29. Beat about the bush - approach a subject in an indirect manner
30. Bell the cat -take the leading part in any hazardous job
31. Benefit of doubt - favorable judgment when culpability is uncertain
32. Be better than one's word - do more than one has promised
33. Between the devil and the deep sea - in a desperate dilemma
34. Between the cup and lip - between hope and reality
35. A bird's eye view - a general view / panoramic view
36. To give a bit of one's mind -to speak frankly
37. Once in a blue moon - rarely, seldom

38. By leaps and bounds - quickly
39. Out of bounds - not within limits for movements
40. To drop a brick - to make a blunder in speech or action
41. To marry over the broomstick - to get through an irregular form of marriage
42. Burn a hole in one's pocket -to be anxious to spend money quickly
43. Let bygones be bygones - let the past be forgotten
44. Feather in one's cap - something to be proud of
45. Play one's cards well - make the best of chances
46. Cast in one's teeth - to bring up as a reproach
47. To let the cat out of the bag - to reveal a secret
48. Wild goose chase -search
49. Cloud on one's brow - depressed look
50. To give the cold shoulder to -to disgrace
51. Come off with flying colours - to gain victory
52. Dark horse - a horse whose capabilities are not known
53. At dagger's drawn -openly hostile
54. Bite the dust - to be humiliated
55. Edge in a word - to get a word in with difficulty
56. Make both ends meet - to live within one's incomes
57. Odds and ends - miscellaneous things



58. Turn king's evidence - give evidence against an accomplice in crime.
59. Fair and square - honest
60. To cut a sorry figure - to be ridiculed
61. Set the Thames on fire - do something remarkable
62. A fly on wheel -a person who overestimates his power
63. Fool's paradise - a state of false expectations
64. Go on a fools errand - fruitless work
65. In the gall of bitterness - in a state of hostility to God
66. Look a gift horse in the mouth - to criticize a gift
67. A ghost of a chance - a very light chance
68. Hand and glove - fast friends
69. Dig one's own grave - cause one's own death
70. Hand of God - unforeseen event
71. Head over heels - in a somersault
72. Set the health on fire - to create disturbance
73. By hook or by crook - one way if not another
74. At the eleventh hour -at the last moment
75. Kith and kin - near and dear ones
76. Herculean labour -needing enormous
77. Read between the lines - infer which is not explicitly stated

78. Draw the long bow - to exaggerate extravagantly
79. The short and the long of it - the sum of the matter in a few words
80. Put words in his mouth -tell him what to say
81. In its naked absurdity - undisguised
82. Paradise on earth - a living heaven
83. At close quarters -in a very new proximity
84. Rise to the occasion - prove equal to an emergency
85. Make one's hair stand on end - to give the greatest surprise
86. Pull the strings - use influence behind the scenes
87. Turn the tables - bring out a complete reversal of circumstances
88. One's cup of tea- what appeals to one
89. In smooth waters - going easily
90. Hold the scales even - impartial
91. The game is not worth the candle - benefits are not worth the labor and expense.
92. Mend one's ways - reform one's behavior
93. Make amends - render compensation
94. Down on one's luck – unfortunate

The human anatomy helps us form idioms; here's how. The literal meaning of the word followed by figurative meaning in the idiomatic expression follows.

1. **Head**

Come to a head : to reach a climax

My interest had flagged by the time the movie came to a head.

2. **Heart**

Set the heart upon: to desire earnestly

Sita worked very hard for the exam as she had set her heart upon securing the first rank.

3. **Shoulder**

Shoulder through: to push one's way through a crowd of people.

John had to shoulder his way through the mob to reach where his friend was standing.

4. **Finger**

Look through someone's fingers- unable to comprehend clearly

Jim was the notorious boy of the class. The teacher was forced to look through Jim's fingers in order to finish the lessons at the earliest.

5. **Hand**

Clean hands : to be honest

We should have clean hands in order to prosper and progress in life.

6. **Nail**

On the nail : on the spot

The registrations for the dance workshop were done on the nail.

7. **Nose**

Turn up one's nose at : to refuse

Maria turned up her nose at David's proposal.

8. **Neck**

Harden the neck : to grow more obstinate

It is human tendency to harden the neck when antagonized by someone.

9. **Leg**

In high leg: in great excitement

Sherin was in high leg when she received a letter of acceptance from Harvard.

10. **Bone**

Bone up: to review material

The chairperson had to bone up the agenda before it was circulated to the board of directors.

11. **Blood**

Blood and iron: relentless use of force

The task force ravaged Iraq through blood and iron.

12. **Spine**

Shiver down on one's spine: frightening

The Goosby shows on television sent shiver down our spin.

13. **Knee**

Offer / give a knee: act as a second

Shyam agreed to offer his knee in the semifinals of the much-awaited basketball tournament.

14. **Eyebrow**

Raise one's eyebrows: in doubt or suspicion

Eyebrows were raised when the students began opposing the new dress code.

15. **Lip**

To curl the lip: to express contempt

Ananya curled her lips when she saw her friend dance with a stranger at the party.

16. **Mouth**

By word of mouth: orally

The NGOs rely on word of mouth publicity in order to make themselves heard.

17. **Knuckle**

Knuckle under: to yield to someone

When knuckled under pressure, Alex decided to quit the job.

# Word List

**Supplement -5**

## Word list 5: List of phrases

1. **Lay off** - to put an end to employment

Lay offs are becoming very common in the changing job scenario.

2. **Pry into** - to snoop into something

Ram gets agitated when someone pries into his business.

3. **Waltz through** - to move through something casually

He just waltzed through the test as it was very easy.

4. **Run into** - to meet someone by accident

I ran into one of my neighbors when I went shopping with my friends.

5. **Fall back** – retreat -After the unexpected fall back, the members planned out a new strategy.

6. **Ground in** - to instruct someone in the area of knowledge.

We were grounded in the basics of cooking by an expert.

7. **Call off** – cancel

The engagement was called off by the bride-to-be.

8. **Put up with** – tolerate

The teacher was not able to put up with Ricky's antics.

9. **Put with** – assign

I will put this project with you for the time being.

10. **Lay by** - to hold in reserve

I laid my best clothes by saving them for my sister's wedding.

11. **Leaf through** - to give a fleeting glance

Jane was leafing through the magazine to keep boredom at bay.

12. **Make up to** - to apologize

I think you should go make up to Tina.

13. **Push off** - to depart

We planned to push off to London.

14. **Put ahead** - give importance to someone over another.

I put Shyam ahead of Varun in terms of strength.

15. **Run down** -to become dilapidated.

Vishal refused to live in a run down house.

16. **Work up** - to get tensed emotional state

I worked myself up into a state of hysteria.

17. **Work on/upon**- to repair

He is working on his computer.

18. **Stick into** - to insert something

The nurse stuck her needle into my arm.



19. **Keep off** - to make certain that one is informal about someone / something.

You ought to keep abreast of all the news.

20. **Get over** - get an advantage over someone / upper hand.

I want to get an advantage over him before I ask him to help me.

21. **Give for** - to serve as a just cause

I didn't give cause for you to do anything.

22. **Give away** - to reveal a secret

Alice did everything she could to keep from giving herself away.

23. **Go after** - to pursue

Mark has a tendency to get after money.

24. **Hammer at** - to interrogate

The cops kept hammering away at Shan until he relented.

25. **Leave for** - to depart

We will leave for London at dawn.

26. **Let by** - overlook wrong deeds

Maria Lets those kids get by anything.

27. **Line up** - to schedule someone / something

We will try to line up a magician and a clown for the party.

28. **Move forward** - make progress

I want to move forward with the project.

29. **Plunge from** - to flee

The wounded soldiers plunged from the war field.

30. **Pore over**- to look carefully

She pored over the reports, looking for errors.

31. **Posture as** - to pretend to be someone

The secretary postured as a manager, putting on airs.

32. **Pound along**- to walk awkwardly

Tom pounded along the pavement, looking a bit angry.

33. **Polish off** - to eat / consume / exhaust / complete

Tanvi polished off her chores in record time.

34. **Presume upon**- to take unwelcome advantage of someone / something.

I didn't mean to presume upon you. I apologize.

35. **Prevail on** - to appeal to do something.

I prevailed on her to attend the meeting.

36. **Reach out** - to enlarge one's circle of friends.

I need to reach out more and meet people.

37. **Read between** - to infer something from what is written / stated understand.

You will understand this memo better if you read between the lines.

38. **Read into** - presume inferences.

Just accept the words for what they mean. Don't read something else into it.

39. **Read out** - to chastise verbally for a wrong deed.

The coach read the player out for making a silly error.

40. **Reason with** - to discuss; seeking a solution to a problem.

You cannot reason with someone who is so narrow-minded.

41. **Rip to** - to criticize mercilessly.

The critics ripped Sam to pieces even though the audience just loved his show.

42. **Roll in** - to have plenty of (something).

Mary is rolling in money because she won the lottery.

43. **Root for** -to cheer

The students were rooting for their team.

44. **Rope off** - to isolate

The police roped the scene of the accident off.

45. **Run against** - to compete

Michael ran against John in the college elections.

46. **Work through** - to struggle through an emotional trauma.

Larry worked through the pain.

47. **Work off** - to get rid of anger anxiety.

I went out and played basket ball to work my anger off.

48. **Work into** - to get more deeply involved.

Jim worked into the daily routine gradually.

49. **Wise up** - to instruct

I will do what I can to wise her up.

50. **Whip around** -to reverse suddenly.

The rope suddenly whipped around and struck me in the face.

51. **Ward off** - to fight someone / something.

Nancy was able to ward off the dogs.

52. **Toss out** -to discard / thrown

The bartender tossed Wilson out of the bar.

53. **Toss together** - to assemble hastily

This meal was just tossed together, but it was delicious.

54. **Tipped up** - to drop accidentally

Jack tipped up the glass, dumping the orange juice on the table.

55. **Thin out** - to spread out

The crowd began to thing out as we got a little farther from the theatre.

56. **Temper with** - to soften something (such as news)

The news story was tempered with a paragraph of explanation and justification.

57. **Take to** - to develop affinity

The puppy seems to take to this new food just fine.